पेट्रोलियम पदार्थों पर दी जा रही राज-सहायता को बन्द करने या उसे बहुत ही कम करने का विचार रखती है;

(ग) यदि हां, तो इसके क्या कारण है इन पदार्थों के मूल्यों में संभावित वृद्धि की दर क्या होगी और गत दो वर्षों के दौरान एल पी जी की कीमतों में किस हद् तक वृद्धि हुई है; और

(घ) घरेलू गैस की कीमतों में वृद्धि करने के संबंध में सरकार ने क्या निर्णय लिया है और इस वृद्धि का आम जनता के दैनिक जीवन पर क्या असर पड़ने की संभावना है?

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (कैप्टन सतीश शर्मा): (क) से (घ) वर्तमान में ऐसा कोई प्रस्ताव नहीं है।

Extenction of Dolphins

1600. SHRI RAHASBIHARI BARIK: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Dolphins are found in the Ganges;

(b) whether it is also a fact that they are on the verge of extinction;

(c) if so, the reasons, therefor; and

(d) the steps taken to save these rare species from extinction?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) Yes, sir.

(b) and (c) The gangetic dolphins are not on the verge of extinction. However, their population over the years is reported to be declining.

(d) The steps taken by the Government for the conservation of the gangetic dolphins include;

(i) Dolphin has been listed in Schedule I of Wildlife (Protoection) Act, 1972 which provides legal protection against hunting and commercial exploitation.

(ii) States concerned have been advised to implement the following specific measures;

(a) The fisheries departments should regulate the mesh size of fishing nets to avoid accidental deaths of river dolphin;

(b) The mosquito net should be prohibited for fishing in any part of the river.

(c) The fishermen should be instructed to avoid use of dolphin oil to attract the fish for netting.

(d) Awareness campaign to educate people for Dolphin conservation should be stepped up.

(iii) Raids are also carried out by the Wildlife Authorities whenever information of illegal capture of dolphin reaches them.

(iv) Vikramshila Dolphin sanctuary in Bhagalpur district of Bihar and the Ganges Turtle sanctuary near Varanasi in Uttar Pradesh have been established on the river ganga which *inter alia* provide protection to the species and its habitat.

लाल किले में सेंधमारी की घटना

1601. **श्री जनेश्वर मिश्र**: क्या गृह मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या सरकार को इस बात की जानकारी है कि दिल्ली के लालकिले में 2 अक्तूबर से पहले सेंध लगाई गई थी;

(ख) जिस स्थान पर यह सेंध लगाई गई थी उस स्थान की सुरक्षा की जिम्मेदारी किस संस्था की थी;

(ग) क्या सरकार ने उक्त घटना की जांच करायी है; और

(घ) इस संबंध में ब्यौरा क्या है

गृह मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (प्रो० एम० कामसन): (क) और (ख) लाल किले की सुरक्षा का जिम्मा संभालने वाली एजेंसी भारतीय पुरातत्व सर्वेक्षण ने सूचित किया है कि 2 अक्तूबर, 1995 से पूर्व लाल किले के किसी हिस्से में सेंध नहीं लगाई गई।

(ग) जी हां, श्रीमान्।

(घ) लाल किले के उत्तर दिशा वाली किलेबन्दी दीवार में एक मेहराबदार गेटवे है जिसे चिनाई करके

ब्रिटिश काल में ही बन्द कर दिया गया था। चूंकि इस क्षेत्र में पानी की निकासी की कोई उचित व्यवस्था नहीं है इसलिए बरसात के मौसम में इस गेटवे में पानी इकट्ठा हो गया था। परिणामस्वरूप, चिनी हुई दीवार का 1.00 मी०×1.00 मी०×0.40 मी० माप का एक छोटा सा किला पानी के लगते रहने के कारण गिर गया। इस स्मारक की सुरक्षा को ध्यान मे रखते हुए दीवार के इस खाली स्थान को तुरंत ही भर दिया गया था।

Awarding Contract for Oil Well Platform on Nomination Basis by ONGC

1602. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH:
SHRI SATISH AGARWAL:
SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether ONGC propose to award contract for HX-HY well platforms on nomination basis to MDL, Bombay;

(b) whether Government decided in November, 1990 that Indian Yards should compete in ICB tenders;

(c) reasons for not inviting ICBs even though feasibility report was submitted in November, 1994;

(d) whether flexible pipes are preferred for this project instead of rigid pipes and whether international bids were invited by MDL;

(e) whether Government are aware that flexible pipes were rejected by other international explorers; and

(f) whether MDL estimates for flexible pipes and rigid pipes are of the same diameter and total length?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPTAIN SATISH SHARMA): (a) to (c) Indian PSUs MDL, HSL and BSCL have been requesting ONGC to award the well platforms on nomination basis since their yards were lying idle. In a meeting held in the Ministry of Petroleum in November, 1990, it was decided in principle that Indian yards should compete in ICB tenders. It was felt, however, that for some more time Indian yards would require to be considered for award of work on nomination basis. Based on the past performance of the PSUs and time availability the proposal for award of HX-HY Well platforms to MDL on nomination basis is under consideration of ONGC Board. However, no decision on the award of contract has been taken.

(d) ONGC has asked for quotations from MDL for both options viz., Flexible and Rigid Pipelines. In respect of Rigid pipes, MDL have obtained competitive bids. In respect of flexible pipes MDL have entered into pre-bid agreement with M/s. COFLEXIP STENA OFFSHORE, Australia who are world leaders in the manufacture of 12" pipes as required in the specification of the bid package. However, ONGC Board is yet to take a decision on this issue.

(e) No, Sir, ONGC is not aware of such rejections;

(f) MDL's estimates for flexible pipes are based on the pipes of the same diameter as that of rigid pipes. As far as length is concerned, the length for flexible and rigid pipes vary because of the method of laying.

Areas without Gas agencies in U.P.

1603. MAULANA OBAIDULLAH KHAN AZMI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the areas in UP which are at present deficient in gas agencies; and

(b) the steps being taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPTAIN SATISH SHARMA): (a) and (b) Due to product constraint, there are many areas in the country including those in U.P. which do not have domestic LPG facility. Based on economic viability, 72 locations have been included in the LPG Marketing Plan 1992-94 and 156 in the LPG Marketing